

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Held on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, immediately following the Closed Session,
in Room H-767, SGW Campus

Attendance

Present: Mrs. Lillian Vineberg, *Chairwoman*, Dr. Steven Appelbaum, Ms. Barbara Barclay, Ms. Joanne Beaudoin, Mr. Charles G. Cavell, Dr. June Chaikelson, Mr. Mario Ciaramicoli, Me Rita de Santis, Mrs. Marianne Donaldson, Dr. Terrill Fancott, Ms. Nicole Fauré, Mr. Ronald Lawless, Dr. Loren Lerner, Dr. Frederick Lowy, *Rector and Vice-Chancellor*, Sister Eileen McIlwaine Ph.D., Mrs. Miriam Roland, Ms. Nisha Sajani, Mr. Rabih Sebaaly, Ms. Sabrina Stea, Mr. Ivan Velan

Officers of the University: Prof. Marcel Danis, Mr Michael Di Grappa, Mr. Larry English, Dr. Jack Lightstone

Absent: Mr. Alain Benedetti, Dr. William Byers, Mr. Alex Carpini, Mr. Brian Edwards, Mr. Leo Goldfarb, Mr. Ned Goodman, Mr. Rob Green, Mr. George Hanna, Mr. Peter Howlett, Dr. Christine Jourdan, Mr. Paul Kefalas, Mr. Peter Kruyt, Ms. Christine Lengvari, Mrs. Hazel Mah, Mr. Eric Molson, *Chancellor*, Mr. John Parisella, *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. Alex G. Potter, Mr. Richard Renaud, *Vice-Chairman*, Mrs. Marianna Simeone, Mr. Jonathan Wener, Me Pierre Frégeau, *Observer*

Guests:Mr. John Economides, Mr. André Gervais, Mr. Donald McNaughton (Governors Emeriti); Me Alan B. Gold (Chancellor Emeritus), Me Bram Freedman (Assistant Secretary General and General Counsel), Mr. Garry Milton (Executive Director, Rector's Cabinet)

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

BG-2001-5-D6 Supporting documents regarding members to the Search Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

BG-2001-5-D7 Supporting documents regarding members to the Evaluation Committee for the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science

BG-2001-5-D8 Senate recommendation regarding the merger of TESL Centre and the Department of Education

BG-2001-5-D9 Senate recommendation regarding the change of the name of the Department of Mechanical Engineering

BG-2001-5-D10 Servitude agreement between executors of the Estate of Ellen Hurley and Concordia University

BG-2001-5-D11 Memorandum regarding tuition fee increase in the Investment Management Programs of the John Molson School of Business

BG-2001-5-D12 Report of the Rector

1. Call to Order

The Open Session was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

1.1 Chairwoman's remarks

Mrs. Vineberg congratulated Rector Lowy who will be receiving an honorary doctorate from McGill University.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous meeting (April 18, 2001)

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Donaldson, McIlwaine), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2001- 38 *THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous regular meeting of the Board, held on April 18, 2001, be approved.*

2. Business arising from the minutes not included on the agenda

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Ratification of new members to the Search Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Barclay), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2001- 39 *THAT the Board of Governors ratify the appointments of the following persons to the Search Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research:*

Drs. Ann English and Christine Jourdan, both full-time faculty members elected by the Faculty of Arts and Science;

Prof. Katherine Russell, a full-time faculty member appointed by the Faculty of Fine Arts;

Mrs. Miriam Roland, a member of the Board of Governors representing the community-at-large, Dr. Terrill Fancott, a member of the Board of Governors and faculty member of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, and Professor Marcel Danis, Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations and Secretary-General, a representative of the senior administration, all recommended by the Executive Committee of the Board.

4. Ratification of new members to the Evaluation Committee for the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, McIlwaine), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2001- 40 *THAT the Board of Governors ratify the appointments of Drs. Martin Allor, Claire Cupples, and Reeta Tremblay, all full-time faculty members elected by the Faculty of Arts and Science, to the Evaluation Committee for the Dean of Arts and Science.*

5. Merger of TESL Centre and the Department of Education

In response to a query by Ms. Stea, Dr. Lightstone explained the rationale and implications of this merger.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Barclay, Roland), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2001- 41 *THAT, on recommendation of Senate, the discontinuance of the TESL Centre as an independent unit and its integration into the Department of Education be approved, as set out in Board Document BG-2001-5-D8.*

6. Change of name of the Department of Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Fancott said that this change was being effected so that the name of the department reflect the names of the programs given by it.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Fancott, Fauré), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2001- 42 *THAT, on recommendation of Senate, the name change of the Department of Mechanical Engineering to the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering be approved, as set out in Board Document BG-2001-5-D9.*

7. Loyola Servitude

Mr. Cavell wondered whether the University would receive any compensation for granting the servitude. Me Freedman responded in the negative, adding that it is not in the University's tradition to seek compensation. This servitude is being granted to ensure good neighbourly relations. Me de Santis suggested that paragraph 2 on page 6 of Document BG-2001-5-D10 be amended to provide for the termination of the servitude should the wall or garage ever be rebuilt, to which Me Freedman indicated that he would see to it that the Deed was so modified.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Appelbaum), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2001- 43 *WHEREAS the University is the owner of the property designated as lot 144-Pt.20 of the Official Plan and Book of Reference of the Parish of Montreal, with a building thereon bearing civic address 7141 Sherbrooke Street West, City of Montreal, Province of Quebec;*

WHEREAS a portion of the garage on the neighbouring property designated as lots 142-856 and 142-857-1 on the Official Plan and Book of Reference of the Parish of Montreal, with a building thereon bearing civic address 4557 West Broadway Avenue, City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, encroaches upon the University's property by 0.30 of a metre;

WHEREAS the owner of the neighbouring property is desirous of regularizing the encroachment and has asked that the University grant a servitude of tolerance in this regard; and

WHEREAS there are no adverse consequences to the University in granting such a servitude;

THAT the Assistant Secretary General and General Counsel, on behalf of Concordia University, be authorized to grant a servitude of tolerance, according to the conditions set out in Document BG-2001-5-D10 as revised, in favour of the owner of lots 142-856 and 142-857-1 of the Official Plan and Book of Reference of the Parish of Montreal, with a building thereon bearing civic address 4557 West Broadway Avenue, City of Montreal, Province of Quebec and to sign any documentation related thereto.

8. Tuition fee increase in the Investment Management Program - John Molson School of Business

Dr. Lowy addressed Ms. Stea's concerns regarding the impact of this increase on students.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Sebaaly), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2001- 44 *THAT, on recommendation of the Rector's Cabinet, the tuition fee for the three-year Master's in Investment Management and Master's in Business Administration (Investment Management Option) in the John Molson School of Business be increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year, effective with the 2001 Fall semester (2001/2).*

9. Report of the Standing Committees

9.1 Budget Committee (April 27, 2001)

In the absence of Mr. Hanna, the Chairman of the Committee, the report was waived.

10. Report of the Rector

Referring to his written report which had been included in the Board documentation, Dr. Lowy recapitulated the highlights of his recent visit to Beirut to inaugurate the Lebanese Chapter of the Concordia University Alumni Association.

The Rector was very pleased to invite all Governors to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new science complex. This event will take place on Friday, June 15, at 11 a.m., on the Loyola campus.

11. Reports of the Vice-Rectors

11.1 Provost and Vice-Rector, Research

Dr. Lightstone updated the assembly on the ongoing academic planning process. The Senate Committee on Academic Priorities and Planning defines the problems to be addressed in each phase. A key issue which has emerged is the effect of information technology on pedagogy. Concordia must modify its current infrastructure so that it can support the ever-growing wireless technology. Consequently, targeted money will be used to upgrade all large classrooms and common areas in owned space. This project should be completed within the next eight months.

The Provost apprised Governors that the Faculty of Fine Arts, jointly with the Faculty of Fine Arts of UQAM, has received from Valorisation Recherche Québec a grant of \$6 million to build laboratories to conduct research in digital media. In addition to this grant, an additional \$5 million is expected from two other sources.

11.2 Vice-Rector, Services

Mr. Di Grappa reported that two letters of intent had been signed, the first regarding Phase I of the Science Complex (excavation and shoring), and the second concerning the management firm for the relocation of the Communication Studies and Journalism departments. He added that a hearing before the Urban Development Commission is scheduled for the beginning of June, at which time the downtown space plan will be reviewed.

11.3 Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations and Secretary-General

Me Danis reported that the negotiations with the Concordia University Faculty Association will begin in June. Prof. Hal Proppe will act as the University's chief negotiator.

11.4 Chief Financial Officer

Mr. English specified that although the University's financial year ends on May 31, he has been summoned to Quebec City on June 1, at which time he will be told how much money the University will have had for the past financial year. He then reviewed the deficits of Quebec universities as well as funding increases for 2000 to 2003 according to their performance contracts.

Dr. Lighstone said that the Minister of Education had stated last year that the new funding formula was to be fair, equitable and transparent, eliminating historical inequities based on historical budgets. However, it would appear that the latter has succumbed to pressure to distribute funds outside of the new formula.

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence put before the Board.

13. Any other business

No other business was raised.

14. Date of next meeting

Mrs. Vineberg informed Governors that the next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 8 a.m., on June 20, 2001, in Room GM 407-1, on the SGW Campus.

15. Adjournment

The Open Session adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by Danielle Tessier, Secretary of the Board of Governors and Senate, for approval by the Board at its meeting of June 20, 2001